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The Alberta Musical Festival



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The Chorus and Orchestra, the work of which at the Thistle Rink on the concluding evening of the festival, was a striking revelation of the degree of musical culture that has been attained in Alberta. Those seated in front are the judges and committeemen. Mr. Vernon Barford, the conductor, to whose ability and energy the success of the great enterprise was largely due, is seated in the second row between Mr. Phys Thomas and Mr. James W. Mathews of Winnipeg, the judges of the various competitions.

NOTE AND COMMENT

There has been plenty of evidence in the past that the British Empire League, the organization of which Colonel Denison is the presiding genius, has been in the habit of overlooking a few things that have happened in the western part of the Dominion. It was therefore not at all surprising when the other day it chose a Regina gentleman as its director for the "Northwest Territories."

The public wants more light in the Pugsley case. It was very suspicious from the first. Much has arisen to make it distract the school of New Brunswick politicians to which the Minister of Public Works belongs and this paper, as an admirer and well-wisher of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was not at all lacking in expressing the opinion that when he summoned Mr. Pugsley to the cabinet he had made a mistake. But it must be admitted that the speech, which the accused Minister gave in the House last week made it evident that the case against him was not such as to justify the Premier in making an immediate demand for his resignation. He declines to accept the verdict of the commission and cites many particulars in which he claims it has misrepresented the facts, making out what looks like a good case in almost every instance. The government of New Brunswick has it in its power to ask him for an accounting in connection with the affairs of the railway of which he acted as director. The commission, which reported against him, recommended that this be done. He has been, he states, waiting for them to do so. But the legislature was prorogued the other day without taking action. Now he has instituted legal proceedings himself in order that the whole matter may be brought before the courts. Mr. Pugsley's charge is that his opponents have failed to make the move themselves simply that he might be misrepresented in the eyes of the country for as long a period as possible. Till the matter is more fully cleared up in New Brunswick, it would certainly be unjust to reach a final verdict in regard to it.

In his address to the coroner's jury which has been investigating the Kinrade case at Hamilton, Mr. G. T. Blackstock, K.C., vigorously defended the course which the Crown had taken. A great deal of loose talk has been heard on the streets and crept into the newspapers about the brutality of those engaged in ferreting out the evidence, and Mr. Blackstock and those associated with him have a perfect right to resent it. It is all very well to sympathise with those who are subjected to the rack

of an investigation such as this. But no one possessed of a well-balanced mind who has followed the proceedings at all closely can fail to admit that the circumstances called for the most thoroughgoing enquiry into the personal relations of the family. The interests of the public at large are paramount and no Crown official who failed to use every available means for throwing light on so horrible a crime would be worthy of position. That three murders should have taken place¹ recent years in a city the size of Hamilton without anyone being brought to justice is bound to create the worst kind of an impression and it would be folly to pay my attention to the silly sentimentalists who are always cropping up on these occasions.

In Winnipeg there has also been a murder under investigation, that of a Mrs. James. The coroner's jury threw but little light upon it. In making his charge the coroner referred in scathing language to a very serious impediment to the course of justice that has arisen. It was difficult to secure witnesses to come forward and give evidence, the principal reason for which was not far to seek.

"It is the fear of abuse and slander and general contumely which is almost certain to be heaped upon them by defending counsel at the trial court," he declared. "They say if you throw enough mud some of it will stick, and I can assure you that the amateur lawyers are perfectly honest at these trials in an attempt to discredit their evidence, if converted into the real parties would cover a wide area of farm land. Let me quote from the Free Press report of a recent murder trial, some epithets with which the witnesses were bespattered, and you will have no doubt of the nature of it was expressed from the report as being quite fit for publication.

"The sub-head is 'Sneaking Snivelling Thief,' and then the report goes on to say: 'A sneaking, snivelling lying thief who, in connection with those miserable rats, his partners in crime, has tried to discredit a honest man to his grave who would believe the word of such a gang of degenerates? Who would kill a dog on such evidence? Imagine a big, pure lump of fat coming from the farm to this place, infested with these sewer rats, and coming into contact with them.'

The coroner's jury in this report were prior to this trial, respected men, and I understand the crown, after unbiased inquiry into their previous history, had decided were reliable. Did the presiding judge check this abuse? Never a word, understand that some of these witnesses left that court room with their lawyers more dismayed than that they have practically had to leave the city. They were innocent men, accused of no crime. Gentleman, do you wonder that citizens, if they have any knowledge of a crime or homicide, hesitate about offering their evidence? Do you wonder if a man would not rather a coroner should result in a miscarriage of justice? Would you not wonder on the other hand, if it did not so? I submit, therefore, that, acting as jurors on this inquiry, it is your duty to comment on these facts, which have been placed before you by the police in evidence, if you

believe they are true, and if you believe that such a condition of affairs is prejudicial to the safety of human life within our community."

Of the truth of all this there is no question. In a murder case, the unwillingness to give evidence is accentuated. But what is true in this instance also applies in a lesser degree where less serious offences are charged. The license given many lawyers has long been a scandal. Where it is clear that a witness has been in the habit of lying and his connection with the case is very suspicious, there is excuse for strong measures on the part of counsel. But when they abuse their privileges, as they so frequently do, they should be in the public interests be called to a sharp halt.

Recently the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Geo. Harcourt, Mr. L. P. Strong of the Alberta Pacific Elevator Co. and Mr. E. J. Fream of Innisfail, secretary U.F.A. returned from Ottawa to which place they had been as a special committee to interview Sir Richard Cartwright in regard to changes in the present method of handling grain in Alberta. They were very courteously treated and the matter was thoroughly gone into. Alberta and British Columbia are to be formed into a separate inspection district with an inspector and survey board in Calgary.

In future grain inspected in Alberta will carry inspection certificates of the Alberta district, thus preserving its identity as Alberta grain. As we understand this matter a separate car order book will be printed for Alberta which will coincide with the conditions necessary to our progress. There will, of course, be other changes made in the existing regulations all tending to place Alberta grain-growers in a stronger and better position than heretofore. The trip of the above committee may be said to have been highly successful.

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have any doubt as to the result, no matter what recruits the municipality makes to its aid. Plainly the most satisfactory course to adopt is that suggested by The Saturday News a week ago. Make the best bargain possible with the C. P. R. in regard to the high level bridge, independently of the general question of the railway's entrance, which can safely be left with the railway commission. The latter body exists for the protection of the public and has shown its ability and its willingness to fully discharge that function. The mass of citizens are bound to have more confidence in the result if this is done. They want the C. P. R. to come into Edmonton but they are not disposed to have it granted anything more for doing so than the law of the country and general practice of the railway commission allows. It is because it desires to secure more than this that the C. P. R. has come to the council and striven to obtain an agreement.

If the people wish to give the railway large inducements for crossing the river, let it be thoroughly understood what they are doing. But the city is to maintain the tracks but the idea that by following the present plan they are getting more out of the company than they would have if they had merely said in reply to the railway's advances: "We shall be very glad to have you come in but see no reason for negotiating with you. All that is necessary is for you to do as under the terms of the Railway Act."

"That is all very well," comes the rejoinder, "but what right have you to assume that the general question of entrance can be kept separate from the high level traffic deck position? The C. P. R. won't let us on its bridge unless we agree to give it what we respect to entering the city." If this is correct, it indicates a remarkable state of affairs. The city never expected to get the traffic deck for nothing. Whatever is done regarding the entrance agreement, it will pay its full share of the cost of the bridge, if a traffic deck is placed thereon. Note carefully the facts of the situation. The C. P. R. proposes to build a very expensive structure, the cost of which will be in any case in excess of a million dollars. It has not been suggested that the building of a traffic deck will interfere in any respect with its usefulness for railway purposes, is the company likely to refuse then to avail itself of the opportunity of receiving not only the financial aid of the two cities, but the large grants promised by the provincial and federal governments as well? By all these becoming partners in the enterprise, the cost to the railway is bound to be reduced. Is it reasonable to believe then that it will utterly refuse to consider this partnership scheme unless it gets its way regarding the crossing of certain Edmonton streets? There is little danger that it will, but even suppose it

should persist in this course, it is by no means certain that with the concessions which Edmonton proposes to make in return for what is represented as the privilege of paying its share of the cost of the bridge, the city would not be much worse off than if it went ahead with a separate structure for general traffic.

The writer of this article does not possess an expert on these matters and therefore does not propose to undertake any detailed criticism of the agreement. The fears expressed above are based upon general observations of the results of municipal dealings with railway corporations and the course which he recommends appears to him the obviously safe one when we have a body in which the public has such confidence as the railway commission to trust our interests to. But there is a specific point or two that it is worth while drawing attention to.

The agreement provides that the railway is to build the bridge by which Victoria and Mackay Avenues are to be carried over the tracks but the city is to maintain the tracks but the idea that by following the present plan they are getting more out of the company than they would have if they had merely said in reply to the railway's advances: "We shall be very glad to have you come in but see no reason for negotiating with you. All that is necessary is for you to do as under the terms of the Railway Act."

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the agreement. Is it not conceivable that we may get a better one?

The more the bargain is studied, the more this paper is convinced that the plan which it has proposed should be followed.

A CHANGE NEEDED IN ALBERTA'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM

There is not much doubt but that in time to come, or as soon as possible, there should come a change in our economic system for the betterment of all parties in Alberta. Positively, and most probably, the opening up of the Western route for grain may change our methods of finance. At present there is one mad scramble by all parties interested to get hold of all the money that can be extracted from the incoming crop in the course of a few weeks, with the consequence that the grain is forced on the market just when prices are forced lower because of the rush of the supply all at one time. A great deal of grain during the latter part of the rush never reaches the seaboard at all till the following spring, but remains at the terminal elevators taxed with the costs of insurance and storage, which both come out of the farmers' pockets in Alberta, and this, consequently, gives him less money to spend in Alberta to the detriment of all other businesses. This is a matter that should be seriously taken up by our business men with a view to making paper payable when it can do all of us the most good. Crop expenses such as threshing, labor and many small or open accounts should be paid out of the crop as soon as possible, but there is no necessity for making all other payments on notes, mortgages, insurance, etc., payable in the fall. To market grain successfully the farm or should have time to look about him time to send samples away if necessary, time to size up what he has and what it is worth as to make the most by his sales.

The present method is to crowd the farmer so that he does not even stack his grain, which improves the color and quality, and around the threshers we see standing in eager array, or at any rate, posted in the towns, the collectors, pouncing on every car or load drawn in, until the farmers are milked dry and the country districts stagger on until another crop comes in, short of money and all callings suffering together.

Not only is our present method siduced from the fact that more often than not our crop is cleaned up at lower prices than it ought to bring, by which we all lose, but just when this crop is being rushed to market just the time when the farmer should be preparing his land for next year, thus obviating the danger of late sowing and consequent loss the next spring. For if land was prepared in the fall, as it should be, we should not hear so much of the scare as to whether the coming crop can be put in the ground in time to be harvested as properly ripened grain.

It is up to the manufacturers and the money powers to get together and devise some better method than blasting the farmer in short order of all their grain at any price they can obtain for it, entailing a loss upon the

The Proposed C.P.R. Agreement.

It is announced that the Edmonton civic authorities realize that there are many matters in the C. P. R. entrance agreement upon which it is advisable to secure expert advice. With a view to obtaining this, it is said to be the intention to consult city solicitor Hunt of Winnipeg. Now Mr. Hunt is a bright young man and there is every likelihood that he would be able to show some weaknesses in the city's position which it is desirable to have corrected. But whyicker with the C. P. R. at all? When it comes to matching the brains and experience at the disposal of the two parties to the suggested agreement, no one need

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A match has been arranged and will take place on Saturday, the 15th inst. on the Exhibition grounds at 2.15 p.m., between the Edmonton C.C. and the 101st Regiment. The following team has been selected to represent Edmonton: G. P. Bertenshaw (captain), K. Bowman, H. B. Boyes, R. V. Heatcott, E. F. Slocock, R. D. Tighe, W. W. Howe, C. Lucas, Rev. A. W. Sate, A. H. Dickens, C. Y. Weaver, Umpire, C. Lucas; scorer, Rev. C. B. Beck.

The information that a provincial football league has at last been formed will be good news to the readers of this column, who have been kept informed during the past three years of the various efforts to bring about this result. All parts of Alberta are represented and the bringing of the different districts together is bound to mean much to the association game in the future. The officers are as follows: Hon. president, Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Strathcona; hon. vice-president, Hon. W. H. Cushing, Calgary; president, J. W. Ward, Edmonton; vice-president, Northern district, J. A. Thivierge; Innisfail; central district, Dr. G. A. Ings, Calgary; southern district, Mr. Schofield, Pincher Creek; secretary-treasurer, H. Ballantyne, Calgary; match committee, vice-presidents and secretary-treasurer; registration and amateur steering committee, D. S. Irwin, Lloydminster; E. J. Riley, Calgary; F. R. F. McKittrick, Lethbridge; international and interprovincial committee, J. A. Jackson, Ponoka; Dr. Ings, Calgary and one other to be appointed later. Auditor committee, Dr. A. D. McRae, Calgary; E. J. Riley, Calgary. The league was divided into three districts, northern, central and southern.

Those responsible are to be congratulated on the spirit which they have shown. It is one more evidence that the absurd sectional sport of the past is dying out.

Mr. C. H. Belanger, proprietor of the Hotel Cecil, has donated a silver cup, valued at \$70 at a permanent trophy to be a Rugby Championship Cup for Alberta to be contested for under Canadian rules.

It is evident that it is only the "duffer" who has given golf its reputation as a game for the exercise of one's powers of blasphemy with a little fresh air thrown in. A writer in Country Life, at least, has this to say of the great professionals:

"Even allowing for this, one scarcely ever sees men like Braids, Vardon, Taylor, or any of the other leading golfers indicate by word or gesture that the adverse state of the game has ruffled their outward serenity, and certainly they do not emulate the billiard player's habit of excuse making and grumbling. I can think of only two or three prominent professional golfers who ever show the least sign of ill-temper or dissatisfaction.

"Braids never grumbles unless maybe to his intimate friends, and beyond an occasional gentle urging on movement of his putter, when a long putt shows sluggish tendencies, never offers the slightest indication that he is satisfied or dissatisfied with any particular stroke. To a stranger coming upon Braids unexpectedly in the middle of a match it would be quite impossible to decide whether the open champion was 'up' or 'down.'

The opening of the courts of the Edmonton Tennis Club takes place on Saturday next with every prospect of an active and successful season. So large is the membership, becoming that applications will shortly be closed. Three courts are now ready and a fourth is to be added. Three cups will be played for this year, an open challenge for men's singles, presented by the club, one for men's singles handicap, presented by Mr. G. P. Blay and one for ladies' singles handicap, presented by Mr. A. E. Nash.

"Similarly Harry Vardon never betrays any trace of vexation more marked than a slow shaking of his head and a faint whimsical smile when (as happens rather too frequently nowadays) he misses a holeable putt. Taylor too, though he always looks aggressive when playing, wastes no time grumbling or waving his clubs.

"The sole barometer in Taylor's case is his cap. When things are going well with him it is pushed back on his head, but when fortune

frowns he drags it down over his eyes.

"There is no grumbling either about the great French rival of the triumvirate Arnaud Massy. Life seems a joke with genial Arnaud, and whether winning or losing a pleasant smile always lingers about his cheerful face. A year or two ago one fancied that he had occasional fits of irritability, but nowadays he is an optimist, a philosopher and a splendid loser."

The following very attractive programme has been arranged for the 15th annual 24th of May meeting of the Fort Saskatchewan Sports Association.

Horse Races.

Free for all, prize, \$225; 2.30 trot or pace, prize, \$200; local trot or pace, prize, \$100; open run 5.8 mile, prize, \$200; open run, 1.2 mile, prize, \$200; local run, 1.4 mile, prize, \$75. Best two in three heats in each event and four to enter and three to start or no race. Division of purses 60 per cent, 30 per cent and 10 per cent to first three horses. Entry fee 5 per cent of purse with 5 per cent from winners in addition. Entries close at 10 a.m. on May 24th. Local races open to horse owners within 15 miles of Fort Saskatchewan. Conditions of races will be rigidly enforced.

Athletics.

Second year of Fort Saskatchewan Marathon road race, Edmonton to Fort. Course exactly 20 miles this year. Second year of 10 mile road race, Halfway House to Fort. Course to be exactly 10 miles. One mile flat race, 220 yards sprint, 100 yards sprint. Putting 16 lb. shot. Junior half mile race, youths under 16 years only. Football match. Baseball match. Entries for road race close May 15th; for other athletic events at noon May 24th. Entry fee 25c each event, excepting football and baseball games.

Two bands will furnish programmes of music. The secretary will have an office on the grounds. Entry forms, for which early application should be made, can be obtained from the secretary. A special train service has been arranged from Edmonton.

There is little doubt the public is more interested in distance running to-day than in any other branch of athletics.

All over the continent during the past week big dailies gave up space on their front page to telling how Alf. Shrubbs beat Tom Longboat at 15 miles in Montreal and Henri St. Ives was too much for the Canadian Westerner, Johnny Marion in the International Marathon at New York. It is astonishing how these crazes come and go in athletics. Ten years you wouldn't get a hundred people out to witness the finish of a first class cross-country run. When the Hamilton Herald started its annual race around the Bay, which has developed into such a big event since, the publishers were asked why they didn't try to encourage some sport that the public was interested in. The crack bicyclist had been for several years the darling of the crowd. At what length the newspapers told of the feats of Eddie Bald and Tom Cooper and our own Angus McLeod and Fred Lougheed. How many would attend a bicycle meet nowadays?

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The team of baseball professionals which Dinney Macguire gathered together in Eastern Canada did not have long to get acclimated before keeping their first league fixture but this didn't prevent them from defeating Calgary by four to two. The Edmonton management is confident that in Macguire they have a man who will keep the team in the forefront. They gave him a free hand in the selection of his men and there is every evidence that he has done his work well.

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extending over periods with the Empire State, the Canadian, the Iowa, and the Northern Copper organizations, should enable him to know where the minor league talent is to be found. Stirling, who officiated on Wednesday against Calgary, comes from Utica, N.Y. The other pitcher had a good record, as a Toronto amateur and McNeil was a member of the Rochester Eastern league team. Stanridge, formerly of Vancouver, was in the box for Charlie Crist's aggregation.

stomached, egg-in-the-nest, shirred eggs, and egg salads and pickled eggs.

The correct way of making omelet was discussed, followed by a practical demonstration given by Mrs. Dale. The following recipe being used: Bread and cheese omelet, — Ingredients: Two cups of hot milk, a table spoon of butter, two eggs, one cup grated cheese, three eggs, salt and pepper. Soak bread crumbs in hot milk, add cheese, the beaten yolks of eggs and seasoning, lastly fold in the well beaten whites of eggs. Cool in two omelettes in pan in which the butter is melted and hot. Cook more slowly than ordinary omelette. This quantity is intended for six people.

Butter making elicited many questions. Mrs. Johnston gave an excellent lesson on its manufacture. Mrs. Graham described the method adopted by the prize winners in the butter making contests at the large exhibitions. The care of milk was considered important, as at experiment stations it was found that one cow's milk shaken in sterilized milk for one minute, and the milk allowed to remain for thirty six hours, then contained over five million bacteria per every fifteen drops.

The topics discussed were: Eggs, Mrs. Thomas, and Mrs. Johnston real experts from various countries, showing the digestibility and food value of eggs. Various ways of cooking or serving eggs were given by the members. These were raw, cooked slowly in the shell, to insure easy digestion and absence of toughness; poached eggs, scrambled, fried and take part in the discussion.

The Lea Park Women's Institute met on Wednesday, May 5th, at the home of Mrs. Harrington and a program of entertainment was the result. Owing to the late spring the crowd was smaller than usual and, for the same reason, it was decided to cancel the picnic on May 24 and to make extra effort to have the picnic on July 1st a splendid success.

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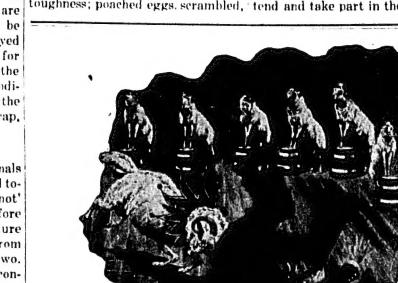
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Prosecuting "The Girl in Blue"

A dramatic scene in the Montreal Police Court - The Recorder's enclosure

The prosecution of "The Girl in Blue" for her performance at a Montreal theatre had been an exciting affair. Here is an extract from the Montreal Herald's report of the police court proceedings:

The preface to this sentence Saturday was just as dramatic as the sentence scene.

At the trial on Saturday witnesses were heard on both sides, the police themselves being divided. Constable Lepage who was the chief witness for the prosecution and who made the arrest swore that it was a very immodest dance. Others said so also.

Then Capt. Landruault said he had seen it Monday and it was all right. Detective Dan McLaughlin also thought the performance was moral enough.

Miss Lajeunesse said that the woman had lots of cloth on when she was arrested, more than a ballet dancer. Two newspaper men, neither connected with the Herald, testified that they thought it was artistic not immoral.

Miss Lajeunesse who by the way, is Miss, and has a daughter of twenty, stopped jauntily to the front when her name was called.

She was tastefully dressed in a light blue, tight-fitting costume. A great ostrich plume of the same color swept over her high crowned "Merry Widow" to her waist.

"Take this girl out of your mouth," ordered the Recorder.

"The Girl in Blue" complied and apologized, adding that she chewed the gum to steady her nerves.

She then, questioned by the court, explained her costume.

It was of satin and spangles, the latter to show in their twinkling brightness the motions of the dance. The dress required to be tight-knit, the bodice was long-sleeved and high-necked. Were the ruffles on the underskirt stretched out it would measure two hundred and seventy four yards.

"Ridiculous," said Mlle. de Leon to a suggestion that she had, as a couple of witnesses stated, immorally raised her dress. "Why, The dress weighs eighty-four pounds. And apart from its weight, I never heard of any such thing; whoever saw it do a story teller! Oh, you know I didn't do any- like that."

"I merit of my dance," she con-

"I consider to be wholly

"I am not ashamed of it."

"My two years in learning my i, in all the towns that

"I have been in London, New

"Berlin, all the capitals

"Europe and America - I

"before been interfered

with by anyone.

"See," she exclaimed, starting to take off her coat, "I will show you. You can judge, see for yourself that there is no harm in it."

One sleeve of the coat was minus a small rounded arm and the other was almost so, when

"No! No! No!" came hastily from the bench. "Put on your clothes," and he shielded his face with his hands.

Then came the intimation from the recorder that he would give judgment today, and, in reply to Mr. J. O. Osgood, that "no bail would be allowed."

When told that she would have to be locked up Mme. de Leon rose from her chair in an agitated manner.

"Oh no! no!" she implored with hands clasped. "Don't keep me; don't keep me!"

"The court is adjourned," shouted the cleric. And as Mr. Recorder Dundas left the bench, "The Girl in Blue" collapsed.

The nervous excitement which she had kept under during the long two hours and a half in court, became uncontrollable, and she was no longer the actress, she was just a woman.

Silently, deep sobs "The Girl in Blue" passed in front of the bar to the clear space by the lawyer's desks.

"Oh, I cannot stay, I cannot stay here till Monday!" she cried in tear-trending tones.

"Let me go, do let me go!" and she dropped on her knees.

Her counsel tried to soothe her, they would do the best possible, they would get a writ of habeas corpus, everything would be done. It was all of no avail.

Again she cried aloud, pleading, despairing, helpless. None could help her.

Crying bitterly, as though her heart would break, Mlle. De Leon, with be-jewelled hands, her head supported by the floor, to fall on a dead human hysterical woman.

Her body did convulsively by her side, and from the desk to a chair, she would have fallen to the floor had not a couple of newspaper men and Mr. McBrien, the manager of the Theatre Royal, gone to her aid.

She was taken to the cells, part of the time in company of streetwalkers, drunks, vagrants and other classes of women prisoners.

Later, the habeas corpus proceedings having failed, "The Girl in Blue" attended by her daughter, and her maid, was taken in a cab by Lieutenant Egan to the jail, where

she spent the week-end and where she will spend this week also. There she is to-day, weeping and moaning and imploring everyone who comes to her cell, for aid.

An Experience with the Mafia

William Le Queux, the novelist, has told a London paper an interesting story of his experiences of the Mafia.

"My first actual experience," he says, "was when I took up my residence in Italy some fifteen years ago. To my house in Leghorn there one day came a respectably dressed tradesman, presenting a bill for nearly £40 for furniture, of which I had never heard.

"I behaved rather rudely and told my man to put him outside. He went, but was pestered by me for calling and had a chat with the chief of police and showed him my alleged offence.

"At last one morning a servant came to me looking rather worried and asking whether I had not better consult the Questore, or chief of police, as he did not like the stranger's threats. That afternoon I called and had a chat with the chief of police and showed him my alleged offence.

"Do you intend to reside in Italy long? If so," he added, "pay and you will avoid a good deal of trouble."

"Next day when the stranger called I paid, received a formal receipt for a good many years and seemed to be exempt from extortion.

"I, however, by means which I have not yet learned, got myself into the Mafia very badly while living at my villa at Sibia, above the Arno.

"One afternoon my faithful man urged me to fly from Italy at once.

There was a plot by which the house was to be attacked that night and I was to be killed!

"I resolved to go into Florence, where I might get a safe place to seek the protection of the authorities.

"At the Questura I was treated with courtesy by the Chevalier Luigi Frosali, an expert police officer.

"When the enevale questioned my servant he refused to give any details in my presence. Therefore I left that alone. Ten minutes later Holmes of Italy told me he told me that a most desperate plot was no doubt prepared and that he should come here in secret to my house and bring eight detectives, also in secret, to guard me.

"I returned home and through the evening one stranger after another arrived, until there were nine of them. For nine days it was thus

"I was discovered that sentence of death had been withdrawn, at my

"My guards left me with two attendants only.

"The day that they left, however,

"A poor contadino was shot dead by an unknown hand at dark outside my gate, and I have often wondered whether that bullet was really intended for me."

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"Next day he was found near the Villa Igiea, but both his eyes had been burned out."

Our Gardens

Peas can be put in as soon the ground thaws out, but in most places, especially in the dry parts, should be sown in trenches fairly deep, so the ground can be pulled to them with a hoe later and the roots will be low enough to keep away from the hot sun and dry winds. When set this way they yield a long time and often make a second crop in the fall.

Those who are careful gardeners should have the hot bed well forward by now, but it is early to set things out as the weather is in the more northern parts. Still the plants should be ready for the weather when the time does come. We look upon June 1st, as a rule, to be about the best time to set out plants or put in the main garden stuff for winter use. The very early stuff excepting lettuce, radishes, etc., does not often amount to much, nor does it grow faster than the early June garden, which has a better chance to miss the cut worms.

The celery plants should be up and coming forward. Celery is easy to grow in Alberta, but, if left too long in a hot bed without water, it will disappear. When once set out it will stand longer. For those not versed in its culture, we will say, sow the seed early in a hot bed. A little seed gives us a lot of plants. When up several inches, and the plants are strong, set them out in a prepared trench. Dig the trench about 18 inches deep and throw the dirt each side. Then at the bottom of the trench place four inches of well rotted manure, and over this three or four inches of loam. Set the plants in the loam, pressing down firmly and watering well. They will soon take hold of the ground and we place them about eight inches apart in the row. Keep the ground moist but not sour and the plants will come along all summer, increasing their growth at the latter end of August. If placed near the kitchen door the sops and wash water can be thrown in the trench. The trouble of weeding is slight. When the growth is good begin putting the dirt up to the plants and bank up, bringing the stalks together at the top so as to shape them up in the trenches, gradually hunking up as the growth goes on until the celery is two feet high, well blanched and ready for use. Then we wake up some fine morning to find we have a fine crop of celery and it was not much trouble after all. The early fall snows do it good, and it need not be dug early. If some is left over put it away in the cellar packed root down in boxes and pushed up close then it will keep a long time.

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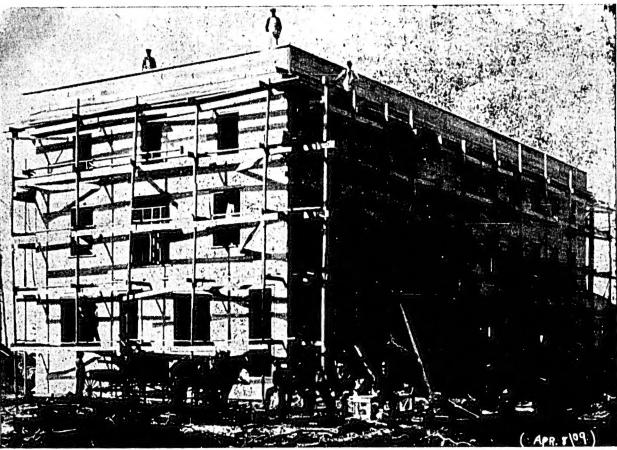
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Under the spreading chestnut tree
The smith, a coppersmith, is he.
With perspicuous wits,
And the notches in the chestnut bark.
And where he makes his hits,
Week in, week out, from morn till night,
You can see him twist and squint and leer.

At the matin show,
Harequinating anything.
To magnetize the dough.

Now and then he seeks the club
And dines among the swell.

But keeps a pencil by his plate
To note the tales they tell;
And while they roar he gravely says,
"I think that joke will sell."

He goes on Sunday to the game
And sits among the funs;

He hears them loose descriptive
And easily lays his plans;

And when some wags invent a pun
He rubs unholy hands.

Quibbling, scribbling, marketing,
Outward through life he goes.

Viewing man and beast alike
From a high sardonic pose,

And tricking the best of us to smile
At the length of his curious nose.

For all is grist to the jokemaster's mill.

Two things he loves best,
A fine prove' alibi.

The ever spreading chestnut tree
Shelters an Argus eye.

That notes your foibles while we die,
And roasts us when we die.

— D. H. Rich.

The way of the cheerful liar is a hard one. Now I am not going to discuss the Kinrade case. It is true that Miss Florence's letters to her father were read by a few others, of whom she practised her art extremely beautiful of their kind. What I have in mind is a recent experience of two Manitoba cabinet ministers. One of them is most ambitious, has the means to indulge his ambition, and never loses opportunity to entertain a celebrity. The other, despite the fact that his recent career shows several incidents bordering on the tragic, cherishes the belief that he is a humorist. A reporter of one of the city papers, who is a very serious matter-of-fact chap, called upon him and asked if he had any news to him. "Yes, I have," said the minister. "Well," was the response, "I must have those lots, so just go and buy them back."

"They'll cost you more, of course."

"Buy them anyway."

And they do say that Mr. Oliver gave his check for \$1,600.

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After consulting the government forecasts and reading what my old friend Foster had to say at the first of the month, I think that I am at last quite safe in releasing the following precious morsel which I had been keeping since the middle of March:

"In the hives the bees are stirring, in the sun the cats are purring, in the trees the birds are singing, in the bushes only worms. In the school the boys are wishing they were up the brook a-fishing, hating books and slates and study the remainder of the term. In the streams the stock is wading, for the ice and snow are fading, and the ground is warming upward where the sun shines. The bright and noisy marshland birds start to play again and here with us it's still piping music through the long and dreary night."

"In the trees the birds are hiding, safe retreats for home espying, pigeons 'neath the eaves are cooing to their mates, the young ones; the house the lads and lasses take the sulphur mother passes, and the gloom of yearly cleaning haunts the high and low estates. In the papers ads are telling of their bitters all excelling, and the grocer with his seed box wears a broad and welcome smile, while that strange unctuous old man, the druggist, is still stealing, while he wishes he could journey to some far and restful isle."

"Why this note of joy and gladness, why this undertone of sadness, why this weary, tired feeling that is everywhere in sight? Why this long and why this terrible, why thus savage and why this terrible? Why this general that has made us with its might? Oh, the answer is a tame one, it is every year the same one, it is just a little word, sir, but it makes the poets sing; it has 's-p-r' you see, sir, and with 'I' and 'N' and 'G', sir, makes the world sit up and listen, for it's a greenie, grassie Spring!"

Speaking of weather forecasts serve to recall what is said to be a standard joke in Ottawa. A man passes down the street from the government buildings.

"There goes a fellow the weather seldom agrees with," says a citizen.

"Is that so?" replies the stranger with him. "Who is he?"

"He's a government weather fore-

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There's no dearth of kindness
In this world of ours;
Only in our blindness

We gather thorns for flowers!
Outward, we are spurning —
"Friendship" — our own?

While we are only yearning
At the name of "Brother."

There's no dearth of kindness
Or love among mankind,
But in darkling loneliness,
Hooded hearts grow blind!

Full of kindness tingling,
Soul is shut from soul.

When they might be mingling
In one kindred whole!

There's no dearth of kindness,
There's no dearth of love!

From the heart it buildeth

Rainbow smiles in totem —

That there be none so lowly

But have some angel touch:

Yet, nursing love unholy,

We live for self too much!

As the wild rose bloweth,

As runs the happy river,

Kindness freely floweth

In the heart for ever.

Friendship — our own?

Ever for golden dust,

Kingliest hearts will canker,

Brightest spirits rust.

There's no dearth of kindness

In this world of ours:

Only in our blindness

We gather thorns for flowers!

Oh, cherish God's best giving,

Falling from above!

Life were not worth living,

Were it not for Love.

— Gerald Massey.

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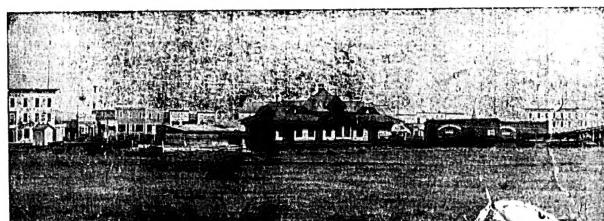
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UP THE STREET AND DOWN.

By Miriam S. Clark.
Up the street and down they passPeople, all the day:
Men in hats or coats and lass,

Sailors, or girls, or say,

Here a bit of ribbon red,

There a bowed and weary head—

Hundreds pass each day, 'tis said,

Up the street and down.

And I'm thinking, as I go

In among the throng,

That their hearts I'd like to know

As they pass along;

What their business is to-day—

What they have to do or say—

As I meet them on their way

Up the street and down.

Oh, the world's a busy place,

And they hurry on;

There's no time to know each face

That I look upon;

Yet I watch and while

Just to ask, and learn, and smile,

As we meet, through every mile—

Up the street and down.

—

A week ago I had a woman tell me

my fortune. I had cut the cards in

three packs, "past, present, and future."

In the first you will hardly

be interested or concerned, but the

present, in a small sense at least, be-

longs to you.

Long and earnestly my Witch-Lady

gazed at the strange jumble repre-

sented in hearts and spades, in dia-

monds and clubs and then she deliv-

ered herself as follows:

"All about you is confusion. In

every direction cards representing

upset, and worry in a degree, pile

one on top of the other. Trouble is

surely here, and yet not of your own

making, nor indeed having any di-

rect bearing on your family. I see

no sickness, as far as you or yours

hanging over you the responsibilities of a page, of a Mirror one yearns to see casting happy and intelligent-reflections, of little children going but half attended to. One pair of hands, one almost shrieks, one scatter-brained head to carry so many details in; one little twenty-four hours or the waking part of them in which to accomplish so very much.

I have been saying to myself all day that perhaps it needs a jolt like the present one, to remind a body how happily and peacefully the great march of the majority of the days file by. Little happinesses, constant smiles and exchanges of kindness, with just enough of shadow to act as a foil for the sunlight. But indeed I am, and ever was, markedly responsive to every cause for happiness. I wouldn't change lots with the King; I don't even covet an automobile.

And because I haven't been too hopeless or kicked too hard against the pricks, this morning Mah Wing, a Chinese "boy," they are all boys, has come to the rescue.

"Wing" is already proving himself a treasure, a gift from the gods!

Because he is a Celestial he seems to save when a cup of tea would be good for "Missis." Now we are planning "puds" and something on

toast that promises well, but as yet

is an unknown quantity. The kitchen looks less as if a tornado had churned it in its passage; almost I begin to be settled in my mind.

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I have just come up from another "talky, talky, talky" with the Winged One. I have been doing most of

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are concerned, but confusion, affecting you intimately, reigns supreme." "I was care-free then, engaged in the pleasant task of munching chocolates, my biggest concern the final settling up of little matters, affecting a booth. I could afford to smile a bit at more prophesied confusion. And then in the space of a night the horror struck me, my household was utterly demoralized, all, all, about me and indeed as far ahead as I could see is unrest, anxiety, and the hardest kind of hard work. The kind that is explained in the couplet, "a woman's work is never done." I rise at six. So I understand and the late Queen of pious memory, but there the analogy ends. While Her Majesty supped her tea or chocolate and mapped out a hard but pleasant day's work, I plan to see my plans upset. A thousand distractions are momentarily cropping up. From the front door I am called to the back door and simultaneously the telephone rings. At the same moment the tomato soup misbehaves and the kettle burns black. Follow dishes! Oh! those dishes one washes but to put away, and immediately they are back again piled up against another cleansing. Why does one have to eat, and why can't people be contented with the fingers that were made before forks. I'm going to organize a society for more simplicity as regards living—and using dishes. But even dishes aren't half so bad if you didn't have to be interrupted a dozen times while the water cools. If you didn't have

the speaking. For himself Wing hasn't more than a dozen good English words at his command so travels under a heavy handicap, and yet the work is getting done, and better than when I revelled in talkative Lady Slaves, who were full of ideas, without seemingly the locomotive power to put them into action. I have arrived at a conclusion "much talk and little work doth make a mistress mad;" the next boss of the culinary department, and indeed of the establishment, must eliminate that feature of the bossing process. Words, idle words, are all unnecessary for a practical working scheme of existence.

And now emerges the Jolly Good Fellow, submerged in the general may-day of last week's Hospital Fair and the consequent confusion.

From the affidavits received up to the present he isn't the popular conception we have most of us had of him at all, at all. But then that's just what I was after, what by all that was sensible, DID we picture him? An easy-going kind of a fellow, careless of money and his personal affairs and comfort. A good-natured soul, we smiled half derisively over, with whom there was no necessity of standing on ceremony. A man the "boys" liked and who answered to some intimate cognomen, such as "Bottles" or "Bill." A cross between a rake and a really fine character. A chap who hadn't the courage to say "No," so was

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Music and the Drama

The rehearsals for "Patience" to be put on under the direction of Miss Forsyth on May 25, 26 and 27 are progressing most satisfactorily.

THE SAN FRANCISCANS.

The San Francisco Opera Co. is this week paying its third visit to the Edmonton Opera House and is being greeted with large houses. The old favorites are all with the organization, Teddy Webb and Mabel Day are, of course, always in the forefront, and each fully sustains the high reputation won on previous occasions. Three new operas are being presented, "Floradora" on Monday and Tuesday, "Boheme" on Wednesday, and "The Mocking Bird" Friday and Saturday matinee and night. "The Strollers" held the boards on Thursday. Considerable regret has been expressed that "The Toyman" was not repeated. There

is no question that in that offering the company did its very best work.

Miss Day's presentation of the part of the doll was the best thing of its kind ever seen on the local stage. Of the other members of the company Lucille Palmer sings and acts with the same charm as made her so warm a favorite earlier in the season. Amy Lester continues to add to the merriment of the evening. Mr. Powell's great voice is as effective as ever. A member of the company who is apt to be overlooked is Fred Snook. He is seldom given more than an average part but the thoroughness with which he does his work is always a delight to see. He is always there with the goods. A former chaperone girl, Marietta Smith, has been promoted to the cast proper and proves a valuable acquisition. As to the chorus, while it is better than on the last occasion, it is still very much lacking in the sprightliness and grace that characterized that with which the company made its Edmonton debut.

AT THE ORPHEUM.

This week's bill at the Orpheum is giving full satisfaction. The LaSelle trio of gymnasts and Wurnell the acrobatic dancer, do very clever work and have won constant applause. The Campbells, the sketch artists, Miss Ruse's illustrated song, and the moving pictures all add to the enjoyment of the programme. The management have an attractive announcement to make elsewhere of their offering for next week.

NEXT WEEK AT THE EMPIRE.
With a troupe of several trained sheep, and a clown pig that does some funny stunts with a brass horn, the Empire will present as its headline attraction another of those distinctly novel acts that are earning for this popular house ever-increasing patronage. It is hard to imagine a more difficult animal to train than a sheep. The majority of these animals have about as many brains as a gate post and when it is said that the sheep to be presented at the Empire waltz, jump march, waltz-walk, jump through fire, and a score of other amusing feats some glimpse of the skill displayed by them may be imagined. The act concludes with one of the greatest laughter provoking turns ever shown in Edmonton, and it starts from the instant a Butting Ram makes his appearance and proceeds to make things lively. Altogether it is clever and funny beyond description.

Dorothy Lamb and Co. in their farcical comedy "A Night with the Rodmen" give a good illustration of the ways of a young benedict who has a fondness for the club. He has to devise a good many excuses, and some of them are exceptionally good—in fact well worth remembering.

Another distinct novelty will be Dorante, a Chinese Musical specialist. He is billed as the only person in the world playing on genuine Chinese musical creations, and in Calgary has made more than good this week.

Not a little variety will be added to the bill by John Buckley, billed as "The Boy from Hipswich. His funny talk is a good cure for the blues, while he is an exceptionally clever trick dancer also.

The Fishers, comedy acrobats and

contortionists have a dandy turn, and their stage setting which they carry with them is said to be magnificent.

Stanley and Weaver, comedy wire artists are also another pair of aerobats of real merit. They are not by any means the least attraction on the bill and are being accorded a hearty reception each performance in Calgary this week.

The Empire Orchestra will render

another popular operatic overture, and with Arthur Graham rendering a very pretty illustrated song, entitled "Fanella," and the kinetoscope showing some new and interesting motion picture subjects, Monday will undoubtedly see a big house, which certainly ought to be but one of six good ones, as the offering next Monday is without doubt the strongest bill as yet presented.

An example of the marvelous memory of the late M. Coquelin ains is related by a French magazine. At an evening entertainment given by M. de Lovenjouli, a well-known Belgian book collector, the great French comedian was asked how many parts he knew by heart.

"Fifty-three," was the answer. The company politely professed doubt as to the capacity of any human brain to retain so much. Coquelin smilingly turned to the host and said:

"Take from your library the fifty-three books I shall name and let some one start reading from any page; I shall then continue the plays from memory."

No sooner said than done. All the guests took a turn at starting to read plays at random, and in every case Coquelin was able to continue from memory without the slightest hesitation or pause.

The tenor Signor Caruso is writing his memoirs, and some episodes of his life are given in an article recently published in the *Preparazione di Roma*.

Signor Caruso, who was nicknamed Filetto by his friends owing to his thin voice, began life as a mechanic, but his parents decided that he should become a singer, and took him to Maestro Vergine, who said that his voice was not very powerful but consented to give him lessons. After a couple of months Caruso was called to serve his time in the army, and left his singing lessons and went to Terni, where he was enrolled in the Thirteenth Regiment of artillery.

One day he was washing the floor of the barracks dormitory, and like all Italians he sang while he worked. The commanding officer of the regiment, Major Nagliati, heard the singing, stopped long to listen and then asked Caruso what his profession was.

"I have none, sir," answered Caruso, "but I aspire to the opera."

The Major then paid out of his pocket for Caruso's singing lessons, which continued while the young tenor was in the army.

Caruso made his debut at Naples in 1895. His success was not great, in fact one night when singing "Cavalleria" he took a false note and the impresario had his engagement cancelled. Caruso was greatly disheartened and was inclined to leave the stage and return to his trade, but his friends insisted that he should stick to singing. He sang in several Italian provincial towns and gradually became famous.

Naturally he earned most money in America. One evening when he was in New York he went to hear a play at Lew Field's theatre. A gentleman went up to him between the acts and asked him to sing at a friend's house. Caruso refused as he wanted to rest. The gentleman offered him \$1,500.

"Thanks very much," said the tenor, "but really, it is my night off and I am enjoying the play as a spectator."

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Miss Miller has appeared with the most prominent orchestral and choral concert societies in Great Britain, of which one may mention the Royal Choral, whose home is at the Royal Albert Hall, conducted by Sir Frederick Bridge, and the London Choral at the Queen's Hall. At the former she made a big hit with the part of

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Music and Dama.

Continued from page 6 now world-renowned work "Gerontius" and at the latter a really great triumph in Sain-Saens' "Samson and Delilah."

By special request Miss Miller was engaged for the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society's concert at Queen's Hall, when the King was present, and afterwards His Majesty asked for her to be presented to him, and he congratulated her very highly.

Another of Miss Miller's successes was in "Carmen." Here again was a part that fitted her splendid capabilities in every way, and together with many other important engagements that she has fulfilled in this country, one may safely say that no singer has met with more success from both press and public.

Desirous of being supported by a first-class party on her forthcoming visit to your shores, we have engaged the services of the best of the rising talent in this country, and not artists, who, although their names might be better known, have seen their best days. The tenor will be Mr. Alfred feather, the possessor of a splendid voice, and who is looked to as the successor of Mr. Ben Davies. The baritone is Mr. Thorpe Bates, who has taken a high position although young in years. Much will be thought of this artist by the Canadian public we feel assured, and also of the very talented cellist, Miss Maud Bell, who, a few weeks back, made a brilliant success at her recital.

Miss Edith Miller will give a big farewell orchestral concert at the new St. James' Hall, London, previous to her departure on the evening of March 23d, when she will be supported by the Queen's Hall Orchestra under Mr. Henry J. Wood, and Miss Maud Bell (cello). The concert will be under the immediate patronage of T. R. H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Argyll, Lord and Lady Strathearn, Lord and Lady Mount Stephen, and there is already an immense demand for tickets. We expect a record house of friends and the musical public, anxious to wish Miss Miller all possible success after she leaves these shores for her Canadian tour.

(Extract of letter issued by N. Vert, London.)

Miss Miller gave her farewell recital in London on March 12th, which was under the immediate patronage of H.R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales, His Grace the Duke of Argyll, and many other people of note. The measure of her success and popularity on this occasion may be gauged by the fact that she was recalled eleven times, a demonstration of approval which she acknowledged by giving two extra numbers. Crowds of Miss Miller's enthusiastic admirers waited outside the hall after the concert to wish her "Bon Voyage." The costly floral tributes presented were so numerous that they had to be taken away in a separate carriage.

Miss Miller was a favorite pupil with Tost, the well known composer, and has had the benefit of his suggestions in the interpretations of his songs.

Miss Miller will appear in the Edmonton Opera House Thursday and Friday, May 29th and 31st, her recitals being under the patronage of this Honourable Gov. Bullock and party. Five per cent. of the gross receipts will be donated to the Ladies' Hospital Aid by special arrangement with Miss Miller.

The programme for the second evening will be an entire change from the first evening.

AT THE EMPIRE

If you haven't been to the Empire this week you must go if only to find out how wonderfully clever our pet abhorrence, the rat, really is. I do not like rats, either in women's coiffures or in my house, but when I don't hate them either, now I do Sir! It's justice, and say, "I take of my hat to you, Sir," for this clever insinuating ways. For this, this unattractive fellow, through his instructor, Prof. Roberts, are now made plain to me. Oh! and it's the two cats, the most fascinating pussies you ever beheld, you should be seeing; and Willur and Aml, two first-class ventriloquists, to say nothing of Musical Irving, who doesn't begin his name.

The management of the Empire deserves all the support the Edmonton public can give them. They have a fine little playhouse, are doing their best to secure clever talent, and failing only now and again, which is saying much. But don't miss the rats, if only to learn their possibilities at outwitting traps and men.

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Editor—May this not possibly have the effect of somewhat pulling down rates on grain going east.

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117136 P. Bynum, Strathcona, Alta., flanges.

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Mr. Geo. H. Suckling has been elected a member of the Edmonton Board of Trade.

Mr. J. C. Ramsdell and C. E. Smelling, citizens of Edmonton, recently come from Michigan, had a narrow escape from a runaway on Monday last. Mr. J. C. Biges, agent for Bellevue, was driving these gentlemen out to look over his sub-division when a wild pair of horses dashed into the rig, ruined the buggy, and Mr. Ramsdell had a narrow escape. He was badly bruised and shaken, but escaped other injury.

Mr. Thomas Henderson has proven himself to be the champion hog man of the Lacombe District. On March 26, 1909, he sold W. F. Puffer 5 hogs, 7 months and 15 days old, that weighed 1480 lbs., an average of 296 lbs. each. These hogs were one cross Yorkshire and Durac Jersey.

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The Mirror.

(Continued from page 5) blindly ready to ruin himself for his pal's convenience. Something of a high-liver with lovable qualities thrown in. A friend in adversity, a good one to travel with on any occasion or that poorest apology of all, the "jolly good fellow," who is sung so at every banquet and popular occasion, but who is often the meanest sinner alive.

Whatever our conception of him, the term has been abused in its use, we need a new epithet with a more conservative application. Men and women seem to differ as to what a "jolly good fellow" is, but that is because, I think, a man who is all things to all men, isn't anything worthy a name, to the one to whom he wittily be, the all in all.

Here is what one man says:

"A good fellow!" Rather a broad term. Shall I describe for you the best fellow I know? His heart is young, altho' his hair is grey, he is a good friend and a clever man, and a good inspiration. He enjoys the good things of life—but in most temperate moderation; is the friend of every man who enjoys his acquaintance with a whole-hearted friendship which abides in kindness as well as approves in the same spirit. He is a Bohemian in the truest and best sense, understanding every man's mind. His life is as clean as his heart is true and he is the recipient of the confidences and the advisor of a score of other fellows who return his friendship with a devotion which borders on worship. He is that something, choice and rare, a "good fellow."

From which and many other communications I gather he isn't the "fool," he is very often creditable with being. He CAN be strong, just to his friends and himself, he HAS the courage to say "No" when "No's" the word. He can be generous without pauperizing himself and being used as a cat's-paw and unlike the "jolly good fellow" named in the common acceptance of the word, he shows up best and oftentimes in times of trouble and adversity.

"Penelope" writes that she knows her husband is a "jolly good fellow" because he has never refused her anything, even when she has asked for "the most utterly foolish things." Her husband, however, tells her to add that it "doesn't pay" to be a j.g.f.

A chap whom I have heard a dozen men vote a prince of good fellows, assures me that "there is nothing in it." Not the rumor, which is strong enough, but in being "one of the boys."

"A Cynic" has this to say:

"Dear Peggy.—As a woman who has lived for years as the wife of one of these gay dogs—or jolly good fellows, let me assure you that the popularly voted good fellow in town is very much the reverse in his domestic relations. For the sake of appearing open-handed among his friends the children and I do the housework at home. As the wife of such a man, a fine enough fellow in his way, I rise to remark, that if he would do less treating down street and more at home I might better enter into the feelings of those sceptics who never weary of assuring him "that he's a jolly good fellow." Through frequent repetition he has come to believe himself one."

"Kate" says the term is a great misnomer, that whereas it was intended to stand for all that was strong and manly, it has come to mean quite the reverse; that the men she has heard described as such she wouldn't marry if they were the only ones left on earth. She thinks originally it was meant to mean "jolly" in the sense that Mark Twain was "jolly," or in other words that you couldn't down him, or dampen his spirits. That the "good" meant "good" in its strongest sense, not the namby-pamby variety.

"Claudia" says you'll get a surprise party if you were the wife of a J.G.F. and wanted to borrow a quarter from him; that he's a good fellow so far as making a fine appearance goes, good to go to the theatre with, and generous to everyone except his own, but advises strongly against marrying him.

"A Woman Who Knows" says that a lot of men who think they're a superfine brand of fellow, and show you Mother's letters pronouncing them such, who tell you to all they do for the poor, old folks at home, and read you "bless you my parents" epistles by the yard, are oftentimes dubbed "jolly good fellows" when all they are is first-class hypocrites."

One man says he's "a chap who helps you over hard places."

Still another that he's an all round favorite, "in for fun, and ready for anything."

But only all are agreed that it doesn't "pay" to be one. On the same principle I presume that it doesn't pay to lend money, because it nearly always ends in your being minus, either your friend or the cash.

I was just thinking over the men in town who answer to my conception of the term. I wonder how my samples would measure up to your standard.

Mark Wing has just asked me

"what my 'boss' does down in the canton?" My boss! I see something in this for Wing. However I have explained that His Highness and myself endeavour to turn out a paper and Wing thinks it must be "mucie fun."

I have an idea. Starting next week very probably, I am going to run a series of sketches of "Some Men and Women" I have known.

I don't know how long the series will run or how many will try on for other heads, but "Here's Looking at You."

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon The pageant of the world goes by for you, for you, I pause and con A Stander-by

The people of Edmonton and vicinity are to have a rare musical treat on Thursday and Friday nights of next week, when Miss Edith Miller, a native born Western girl, now a really great artist, with all the world for an audience, will give two vocal recitals in the Edmonton Opera House.

Friday is also the day decided on for the Annual Ball of the Westward Ho Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, when the Thistle Rink has been engaged, a largely augmented orchestra, and all arrangements have been made for a most successful dance. It has been left optional this year whether people shall go in fancy dress or ordinary evening frocks, with the hair poudre. It is hoped, however, that those who looked so exceedingly well in their fancy costumes at the Hospital Fair will again don them for this occasion. So very few events arise to which one can wear fancy dress it will be a pity if all who can do not avail themselves of the opportunity.

Mrs. H. I. Miller of Wetaskiwin is the guest of Mrs. Kelly, Seventeenth street, having come up to Edmonton the Monday following the Hospital Fair. I saw her one day on the street looking exceedingly well and smart.

Mr. John Graham is back in town for the summer, having undertaken a contract on a new sub-division in Strathcona. His presence here will mean not only very genuine pleasure to his friends, but will add a tower of strength to Edmonton golfers during the tournament.

Mr. and Madame Milton Martin are receiving shoulds of congratulations on the birth of a little daughter, which arrived towards the end of last week. Madame Martin, sr., is at present visiting her son and is exceedingly proud of her youngest grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Woods and Mrs. Bowers postponed their departure for Bowen Island till this weekend.

Mrs. Nightingale and her little daughter, Cecil, are leaving shortly to spend the summer at Port Hope.

Mrs. Heathcote too is making a summer flitting on Wednesday next, while her husband is off for another survey.

Everyone indeed seems planning a trip or a summer camp. Miss Henderson of Sixth street left last week for Albany, N.Y., where she will visit Mrs. Patton. From there she goes to New York for a stay with Mrs. Reed, and before her return will visit relatives in Ottawa.

Mrs. James Hyndman's brother, Mr. T. Davies of Ottawa, has been spending a few days, the guest of his sister at the Capital.

Mrs. Frank Smith was the hostess of a jolly little Bridge on Friday night.

Miss Macdonald of Winnipeg, who has been such a popular visitor to Edmonton during the past month, when she has visited several prominent hostesses, left on Thursday of last week for her home.

Mrs. Emery was the hostess of a most enjoyable card party in honor of her guest Miss Bessie McKenty of Lacombe, on Saturday evening.

Miss Fitzmaurice, whose marriage to Mr. Justus Wilson, C.E., took place on Monday morning in time for them to leave on the early train for the south, was a very much feted bride-elect all of last week.

On Friday, her cousin, Mrs. Barney Cooper, had a "shower" in her honour, when all kinds of pretty and useful gifts descended to remind this witty and vivacious girl of pleasant days and her many good friends in Edmonton.

Mrs. Cooper received the guests in a most becoming brown brocade frock, while the "showeress," which sounds Irish enough to be appropriate to clever Miss Fitzmaurice, was smartly gowned in soft old rose with rare lace garniture.

At the tea-table, which was presided over by Mr. Hislop and Mrs. Pace, a great shower of crimson roses lent their beauty and fragrance to enhance the enjoyment of the delicious refreshments provided.

The guests were mostly the unmarried set and old personal friends of the bride elect.

The day following the Misses Webster had another "sprinkle" for the same fortunate girl, when mostly it rained pots and kettles and kitchen utensils, each accompanied with a funny little rhyme appropriate to the article and occasion. Again the guests were of the younger set, and a delightful hour they had of it imparting advice and chattering as young girls will, with the guest of honor ready with a pat little word to cap every climax.

Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. Pace and Mrs. Hislop had charge of the tea and ices and Mrs. Webster assisted her daughters in giving this final little send-off to a girl who has warmer friends than most to wish her, and her husband, well.

Mrs. G. G. Morris will receive at her home 527 16th street on Monday, May 17th.

President Tory of the University of Alberta has been called east by the illness of his mother.

Mrs. Dickins, of Edmonton, was the honor guest at Mrs. Wilson Bell's informal bridge on Monday afternoon. The prizes fell to Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Johnstone and Mrs. Gilmore. Mrs. J. C. Holden presided over the dainty tea-table decorated with pale pink carnations. —Winnipeg Town Topics.

The marriage of Miss Kathleen Cameron to Dr. Stevens of Olds, took place on Saturday morning at All Saints' Church very quietly, only the immediate relatives being present.

On Friday Mrs. Ralph, the bride-elect's sister had a merry good-bye tea for her when Miss Cameron's girl friends had an opportunity to meet her fiance, nibble wedding cake and drink her and her groom's health and prosperity. Mr. Beauchamp, who supported the groom on the morrow, was also present.

In musical circles and amongst a wide circle of friends this bright English girl will be much missed. The Saturday News joins in wishing Dr. and Mrs. Stevens all happiness.

Mrs. McNeil was the hostess of a charming luncheon of eight covers a week ago on Wednesday.

Mrs. Robert E. Jones left on Saturday last to spend the summer with her parents in the east.

On Saturday last McDougall Ave, leading to the hill was lined with a smart stream of men and women on tea-drinking intent. Mrs. Chamberlain's petite Tip-Top roof garden being the Mecca towards which all steps turned. And it was well worth paying a visit to this little tea-shop perched like an eagle's nest on the top most of the hill, where the breezes surely are more refreshing, and the view lovelier than in almost any other spot in all of lovely Edmonton.

"Why didn't some one start such

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LOST—SOME HUMOR?

Editor Saturday News.
Sir.—The word WEALTH was inadvertently omitted in the article, entitled "Evolution of War." The multiplying of the aggregate wealth of the world."

The action of my unknown critic is to be regretted. To be sure it is not representative of the attitude of all writers and critics on such a subject, and it is to be deplored that one, living in an atmosphere of learning, should descend to such methods of criticism. The several classic witticisms do not improve with reading.

It is no light matter to propose a discussion on "the why and wherefore of the failure of education" which in any case is not the writer's contention, and I will not give any dissertation, at any time on any subject to Mr. Unreformed until he states his exact personal cause for complaint.

I append two quotations which my critic might take to heart, as they might be of benefit to "one who follows his humorous friends, his comic paper and his light literature."

"To rear up minds with aspirations and faculties above the herd, capable of helping on their countrymen to greater achievement in virtue, intelligence and general well-being—these are the ends for which great men are 'desirable'."—John Stuart Mill.

"Education, work on the one hand, lacks intellectual seriousness, and on the other, fails, somehow, to connect vitality with the needs of present society. The solution is likely to lie through the construction of the modern ideal of education under the influence of new vocational methods and ideals."

Not the least in which knowledge is to be used—much less the fact that it is not used at all—but the method and spirit in which it is pursued on the one hand, and its breadth of human interest on the other, makes it liberal. Any study is liberal, if pursued in a scientific manner and given significance for human life."

—Professor Tufts.

The contention that the "poor-bred common people" instead of the masses and the classes of the world (a qualification that the writer had in mind) are no longer in need of inspiration, education and moral elevation, notwithstanding "the little red schoolhouse," is received with surprise and awe, causing us to do from the depths of our hearts a work that is representative of the "unreformed common people," why should he seek to use his influence in leavening the best efforts of his people?

Allow me to suggest, that the welfare of the modern people (not common) depends upon their tools and methods.

Education is the first aim, so that the people will understand and desire to follow the natural law of evolution in all things. It is a movement growing rapidly in all civilized countries, increasing constantly and resisting the pointless ridicule of the uninformed and unreformed, but accepted by the average minds of civilized nations.

To all those people who construe an article applicable to any nation, as a personal insult to the common people of my own country; to all the people here qualified to converse glibly and sweetly with the magpies to all those who follow along with this crowd of mirthful sardonic wits in blind unreasoning ignorance; to all of those I must prefer to extend the reference of my critic, so thoughtfully suggested. Mr. Browning, for poetical writing, and Max Muller for the study of reform. Those excellent precepts, those thoughts superlatively wise found in the works of philosophers, provoke at all times, our wonder and admiration, but may be somewhat deep reading for Mr. Correspondent according to his own showing; better take a good portion of the "unreformed" where Alice landed on a certain spot on a chess board, had to run "like everything" to keep on the same spot.

Mr. Unreformed, I hate to do it but you force me to suggest (sans dictation) that you and your humorous, comic and caustic friends do a little heavy reading after the days' work, with the aid of "candle-light"; if the modern light is too strong.

The last word is: Those who are far-sighted and informed unreformed who have the "scrabbling scribbling" habit. It is a habit of such a nature that if not checked in time, has a growing tendency harmful to its victims. In the most advanced stages the victims are known to "somersault and smile aloud" and to become so infatuated as to run and bite, when shown a piece of paper.

I would be so sorry to deprive my humorous critics of one of his cherished illusions and therefore sign myself;

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Crows Nest Forest Fires and their Prevention

In the Crows' Nest Valley, in Southern Alberta, only thirty three square mile of unburned forest are left out of a total of two hundred and twelve square miles of possible forest area. All this area, according to the reports of early explorers and travellers, was originally covered by a dense forest.

Mr. H. R. MacMillan, Asst. Inspector of Dominion Forest Reserves, made a preliminary investigation of this district in the autumn of 1908, and has embodied the result of his investigations in an interesting report. In the following schedule he summarizes the condition of the tract:

Sod covered, denuded area, 85 square miles.

Dead standing timber, 34 square miles.

Area covered with young growth, 60 square miles.

Unburned forest, 33 square miles. Total, 212 square miles.

Thus no less than 179 miles out of the 212 (over 84 per cent. of the area) has been cleared by fire at one time or another.

Eighteen square miles of the area is above timber line.

The first area mentioned, viz., the sod-covered, denuded area, presents one of the most difficult positions.

Before railway construction started, this area was covered by a heavy fir forest. Now it is "a poor gravelly prairie, unfit for agriculture, of very little value for grazing and which is in no way producing a crop." This is the result of repeated burnings. The first fire does not usually have this effect, but a second or third fire rarely fails to kill all the forest reproduction, i.e., (the young trees) "to destroy the remaining seed trees, to burn off the upper layer of soil and leave a desolate waste."

Of unburned forest, only thirty three square miles (about sixteen per cent. of the area) remain, and these are situated in the places that are least easy to get at, namely, at high levels and at the heads of valleys and in draws; and this forest is consequently least valuable.

It is the timber that is easy to get at that the fire here, as everywhere else, has consumed or damaged.

The most hopeful aspect of the whole case is presented by the sixty square miles of country covered by young growth. The land on which this young growth is found is "too high on the hillsides and is too rough, stony and gravelly to be fit for agriculture or valuable for grazing." This young stand of timber consists largely of Lodgepole Pine, with a small proportion of spruce and Douglas fir. Properly

protected, it will in time come to be of immense value.

The first step in forestry, here and everywhere else, is to preserve the forests that now exist, and so the first thing necessary in this region is to protect the green timber and the young growth from the fires that have been so disastrous in the past. This is the first problem that is engaging the attention of the Dominion Forest Service.

Up to the present fire protection in Canadian forests has been effected entirely by patrol of the area to be protected by rangers whose duty it is to watch for fires and put them out and much of the value of such a service lies in the fact that the ranger can discover and extinguish in its first stages a fire that, left unchecked, might destroy many thousand dollars' worth of timber and warn travellers and campers of the danger of carelessness in the use of fire. This patrol will no doubt be the basis of the system finally adopted for this region, supplemented probably by the use of "look-outs" and telephones.

Editor—

The importance of preserving a belt of timber in Southern Alberta has been foreseen by early settlers for some time. The southern part of Alberta, which this belt of timber practically commands, is more or less dependent upon the timber for retaining the snow in these mountains for a steady supply of water. Already the changes that have taken place have caused heavier spring and summer floods than had heretofore been the case, the water running off more rapidly than of yore. The timber holds the snow which melts by degrees and gives a more even flow of water in the rivers that are fed from the mountains. As the country settles, and as towns and villages spring up along these rivers the even flow of water is a serious consideration, besides which the irrigation projects must be thought of, for water is required very often for irrigation purposes just at a time when the flow is likely to be lessened when the weather is hot and dry.

At this early period in our history it is far better to consider these matters and make plans for the future than to leave discussion to a later period when it may be too late, so no commentator that it would be much more difficult to handle.

The U. S. government many years ago set aside as a Forest Reserve the piece of country immediately to the south of the track designated by Superintendant Campbell, so that if the Canadian Government sets aside as a Forest Reserve, the strip on the east of the Rockies, from the Boundary to the Crows' Nest, this would make quite an area conserved on both sides of the line, and each reservation would help the other neither would be so difficult to protect as both governments could work together. Much of the water

shipped out, to be distributed in 1,500 gardens across the continent.

Later on thousands of plants and shrubs will be sent out, while last fall there were distributed 200,000 tulips, hyacinths, lilies, crocuses, iris bulbs. This means that with those sent out in former years there will soon be millions of early spring bulbs in bloom. Montreal Witness.

This matter of timber conservation is an important one all up the Rockies in Alberta, and when timber is cut from land surely some attention should be paid to the fact that the land should not be allowed to become bare waste. The loss of water in the rivers will later be seriously felt and the loss of timber as well. The land denuded of timber should at once be encouraged to grow another crop of trees for many important reasons.

Wheat Corners

ENCOURAGING THE BEAUTIFUL

Enthusiasm and success are stamped all over the scheme for making the stations of all the Canadian Pacific Railway the links in a flower chain extending across the continent. Mr. N. S. Dunlop, the chief of the C. P. R. claims department, twelve years ago inaugurated the free distribution of flower seeds to station agents and others, and the beautiful flower gardens by which so many of the company's stations are surrounded in the summer months are the direct result. In this direction the company has certainly given an impulse to civic pride all over the Dominion, the full effects of which can never be adequately estimated. It has been noticed wherever the station agent or section men establish a garden with the seeds supplied free from the company's floral departments, the enthusiasm for flowers invariably extends to the whole community and fosters pride in the beauty of the homes of the people.

Mr. Dunlop is now sending out the annual packages of seeds. No fewer than 50,000 packages, representing 32 varieties, are being

provided for the professional dealer in flowers in grain products.

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With the Investor

For the sixth successive season Mr. Alfred Von Hammerstein is setting out from Edmonton for the Athabasca River, where he is engaged in boring for petroleum near Fort McMurray. Neither his own nor the faith of the capitalists behind him has been failed. That the oil supply of the center of Canada will yet come from Edmonton's hinterland he has every confidence.

The great flow of gas which has recently been obtained by the C. P. R. at Bow Island, west of Medicine Hat, in the Crow's Nest branch railway, a gas field in that district covers a larger area than any other on the continent. The man who has directed the work, Mr. Eugene Coste, has had a lifetime of experience in such matters and believes that the gas belt extends at this distance from the mountains across the whole of the province. It would be natural for the Edmonton and the Athabasca river. It has already been struck in and about the city, while the discoveries to the north are a matter of still wider knowledge. As soon as sufficient capital is interested so that the proper men and methods may be employed, as in the case of the C.P.R. extension to Bow Island, there is every reason to believe that quite as good a flow will be obtained in the territory indicated. And it must not be forgotten that with but one exception in America, that of the Buffalo district, oil and gas have gone together.

There is a disposition to regard all the oil and gas talk that we hear in Alberta as trash, as far as reliable boomsters. It may be the case that the possibilities of the province in this connection have been made to do service for untrustworthy enterprises. But this doesn't alter the fact that scientific investigators are firmly of the belief that oil and gas will be among the strongest factors in the future of Alberta's industrial future. One of them, an engineer of continental reputation, whose name, however, cannot be published, in conversation with the writer of these paragraphs a few weeks ago declared that he would be willing to stake everything on the oil and gas in the province as oil and gas producers are to do. The reason is that he was no longer young enough to take the full advantage of the opportunities which it had to offer. Alberta, in his opinion, was of all the provinces the one it would best profit a young man to tie himself up with.

Interest in the plans of the Alberta

and Great Waterways Railway is becoming keener as people realize the exact import of the undertaking. It was launched with so small a flourish of trumpets that few were disposed to take it seriously. It usually takes a railway enterprise to get off the ground from the reports of talk that newspaper announcements mean little. But when the report, which now appears to be well authenticated that Mr. E. A. James, formerly general manager of the C.N.R., is to be the working head of the new railway, one couldn't help sitting up and taking notice. The importance of this is significant to the few who know him. The announcement that Dr. Waddell is on his way to Edmonton to act as consulting engineer. When in Ottawa recently he told a friend that he expected to spend the next three or four years in Edmonton. Now Dr. Waddell is one of the most eminent men in his profession, the Cornwall Iron Works Company at the tender price of \$16,769. The Wisconsin Bridge Company put in the lowest tender but the difference in price was slight so the council decided they would not be warranted in awarding the contract to outside parties.

The contract has been let for the steel work on the new power house. This has been awarded to the Edmonton Iron Works Company at the tender price of \$16,769. The Wisconsin Bridge Company put in the lowest tender but the difference in price was slight so the council decided they would not be warranted in awarding the contract to outside parties.

The Edmonton Board of Trade has taken up the matter of freight rates on iron. Mr. T. J. Cornwall, the proprietor of the Edmonton Iron Works, who is installing a large plant for the manufacture of structural material, discovered that the freight tariff in force on raw material is high than that on the finished product. This extraordinary situation, which cannot be explained, so the members of the board of trade have taken the matter up with a view to placing Edmonton manufacturers on a somewhat more equal footing with the Eastern manufacturers, for the present situation would make competition with Eastern mills impossible and interfere with our prospects as a manufacturing centre.

There are real evidences of progress and rising values in real estate from the north to the south of Alberta. Now that fine weather is more assured, and excavations are more easily made, we see buildings put up and real activity displayed in the construction of buildings. Edson is so much so that Jasper Avenue foot traffic, especially on the north side, is seriously impeded. No less than four large structures are in course of erection in one of the busiest parts of the avenue. When these buildings are finished they will greatly add to the solid business atmosphere of the place. The others structures in course of erection in other parts would take considerable time. All towns down the line to and including, Calgary and on to Cardston, our southern town, there is an activity in building, with real estate changing hands for building purposes, that marks an era in the progress of solid growth. This is not merely a speculative era but a

standstill and the rails can hardly reach the city by the date set, June 20th. The entire main line, track laid, 95 miles east of Edmonton. Different accounts are given of the cause of delay, one being that there is a shortness of steel. At any rate it would seem that it is not entirely owing to a shortage of money. Still we may expect the G.T.P. in Edmonton before long which will give no doubt, a further impetus to building operations.

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The Standard would also like to know the precise meaning of the

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Home and Society.

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an enterprise?" "We were all querying as seated around little tables we sampled delicious ice cream, sodas, good tea, and weenies-teens cakes and scenes.

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Mrs. Donald McDonald had quite a tea party on Saturday, Mrs. Nightingale, Mrs. Cawley, Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. Bugay, Mrs. Hemwood, Mrs. Palmer Watt, and Mrs. Marjorie Wilson.

Others I noticed were Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Stinson, Mrs. Brattwate, Mrs. Cawley Bowker and Mr. Nasby, Miss Eleone Taylor and a great many more well-known people.

On Wednesday morning, April 28th, the marriage was quietly celebrated of the Rev. Mr. Stevenson, late assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church and Margaret Jane Eleanor McCauley, second daughter of the Warden of the Penitentiary of Alberta. Rev. Dr. McQueen performed the ceremony in the presence of about thirty relatives and intimate friends. Following the ceremony the bridal couple left on the early morning train for a wedding trip to Winnipeg, prior to taking up their residence in Keewatin.

On Monday the Young People's Guild held a social when the late assistant pastor was presented with a very handsome silver tea-service and address on behalf of the Guild, Rev. Dr. McQueen reading the address and Miss Perry making the presentation, and Mr. Turnbull took advantage of the occasion to present Mr. Stevenson on behalf of the congregation with a purse of gold.

In Edmonton where both she and her family have long been so well known the decidedly pretty and sweet young bride has a host of well-wishers, who will join in wishing her and her much-esteemed husband all happiness.

The W.C.T.U. have been holding a series of sales of home made cookery in some of the empty stores on Jasper Ave. on Saturday afternoons for some time lately, accomplishing the dual object of placing tempting home-made things at the disposal of the public and at the same time raising money towards their very laudable cause. Afternoon tea is also being served and on Saturday last I saw Mrs. Buleya and a number of prominent women enjoying a cup of the fragrant brew.

Mrs. Bowker leaves shortly for a month's visit to her parents, Senator and Mrs. Kirehoff at Brandon.

On Wednesday afternoon a large number of callers made their way to Mrs. Hugh Campbell's post-nuptial reception at her very prettily appointed home on Thirteenth street, where the handsome young bride, assisted by Mrs. Joseph Morris, had a gracious word of welcome for everyone.

Mrs. Campbell was looking very stunning in an exquisite wedding gown of white Liberty satin made in Empire fashion with a richly embroidered bolero of silver embroidery. Mrs. Morris was also smartly gowned, wearing pale blue brocade satin, trimmed with Maltese lace, and a fetching flower toque.

Throughout the room quantities of roses, red in the drawing-room and pink in the tea-room, made a riot of exquisite color and the air fragrant with their sweetness.

Pouring tea were Mrs. J. D. Harrison looking very sweet in palest mauve organdie, and Mrs. Charlesworth in a modish blue rajah frock with a smart poke-bonnet shaped chapeau, while Mrs. Clarke Bowker in dainty pale blue linens served the ices, and the Misses Gladys McLean, Miss Pace and Miss Potter assisted.

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I am indebted to a Fort Saskatchewan correspondent for the following: "One of the most successful balls of the season was given by the Fort Saskatchewan Curling Club on Friday evening, April 23rd. The ball was gaily decorated with flags, bunting, curling stones and brooms which, with a collection of the trophies won during the past season, looked both appropriate and pretty.

Among the many couples present were Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkin, Major and Mrs. Cuthbert, Insp. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Kuran, Mr. and Mr. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Sweetapple, Dr. A. E. Alexander and Mrs. Alexander, Sergeant and Mrs. Reitcheit, Mr. and Mrs. Dicks, Mr. and Mrs. Sutcliffe, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Jones, Miss Lula Cawleyden, Miss Asher, Miss Mabel McCauley, Miss Rae Dickson, Miss Flora Macdonald, Miss Margaret Ross Cuthbert, Miss Muriel Wilson, Stratton, Messrs. Sybil Carscadden, Taylor, Gordon, O'Brien, Harvey, Jardine, Kidney, Atkinson, McDonald, Milar, Exham and many others. The music being furnished by the Edmonton orchestra.

Peggy

A CHANGE NEEDED IN ALBERTA'S ECONOMIC SYSTEM

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where community. This latter method has been in vogue for many years in the cotton belt, and the method succeeded in making the cotton farmers the poorest race of farmers on the continent. In some of these places there is some money for a few weeks in the fall, but this is gobbed up in a few weeks and the cotton rushed to a warehouse to be held by speculators with money, so the country districts are pumped dry. When the farmer is pumped on then down goes the value of country property and country towns. We cannot have a prosperous province by the present methods of finance, for payments should be spread over different parts of the year to enable the farmer not only to market his crop in the best possible and lucrative way, but also to live stock.

In this case there would be less talk of ear shortages, blockades on railroads, poor prices and shortages of money. Speculation in communities to the detriment of the farmer would be more difficult if the sales were more spread out over the year, and the farmers not forced to part with their produce at a loss, which is a loss to the province.

We are in the position to-day of having rushed nearly all of our grain out of the country, thereby leaving many of our flour mills standing idle, and they must stand idle some of them, until well into next October, the profits from the milling business going to other provinces or states. Can we afford to drain our province in this way and bleed ourselves or can some better method be devised of keeping more of our money for our own use, instead of giving so much of it away by a sudden scramble to realize on everything at one time of the year? We are the shipping away the best of the fertility of our virgin soil to enrich others by our present methods, a method of drainage that is going to prove very exhausting to Alberta as time goes on.

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